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1. On 26 August 1955, a conference of managers of industrial enterprises controlled by HV Allgemeine Chemie (Main Administration for General Chemistry) was held in a building on Zwisselerstrasse, Karlshorst. The Main Administration for General Chemistry was represented by Schaurich (fnu), technical manager and deputy chief of the Main Administration, and Frommer (fnu), Hauptdispatcher (trouble shooter in the event of production difficulties particularly in the field of raw materials), and the industrial enterprises were represented by 22 technical managers.
2. The technical managers were asked to submit proposals for improvements in the field of standardization and mechanization. These proposals were to be discussed and, in the event of unanimous approval, they were to be incorporated in a tabulation of demands to be submitted to the Ministry of General Machine Construction.
3. The following proposals for better mechanization were made: procurement of special conveyer facilities for the handling of boxes and barrels; procurement of special equipment for ramming dowels into walls; installation of air conditioning plants for factory buildings; procurement of Hartmann type boiler gas by-pass devices; production of acid-proof pipes in all sizes; manufacture of acid-proof valves; new development of carbon block pressing machines; and new development of meters for measuring the amount of liquids passing through pipes in a given time. All these proposals were included in the tabulation of demands.
4. At the conference, a shortage of seamless tubes of the Mannesmann type and high-quality gas burners was pointed out. These tubes are above all required for boilers. So far, the Mannesmann tubes and the gas burners have exclusively been furnished by Western countries, but only few enterprises received equipment from the 1955 deliveries.

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